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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION
EQUIPMENT TO GUB

REF: A. RANGOON 1649; B. STATE 143323

1. I SAW COLONEL TIN OO JUNE 19 AND ADVISED HIM OF USG RESPONSE TO GUB NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT REQUEST. IN COURSE OF LONG AND RELAXED CONVERSATION, I STATED POSITION OUTLINED PARA 3 REF A PRACTICALLY VERBATIM.

2. COLONEL TIN OO EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF RESPONSE AND APPRECIATION OF USG'S POSITIVE ATTITUDE, AND AGREED READILY TO INITIATE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS AT "EXPERT" LEVEL INCLUDING, ON EMBASSY'S SIDE, DEFENSE AND AIR ATTACHES. FIRST SUCH DISCUSSION TAKING PLACE THIS AFTERNOON (JUNE 19) AND WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.

3. TIN OO URGED THAT USG REPS DISCUSS GUB REQUEST WITH COLONEL AUNG HTAY AND GROUP NOW TOURING U.S. HE SAID THEY WERE INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH ALL ASPECTS OF GUB PROGRAM. I SAID THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN SOME DISCUSSION OF HERBICIDES, AND MENTIONED IN THIS CONNECTION THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY IN THE U.S. OF ANY PROGRAM INVOLVING WIDESPREAD USE OF HERBICIDES. OUR DISCUSSION CONFIRMED THAT THE GUB WANTS INFRARED CAPABILITY PRIMARILY TO SPOT OPIUM
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FIELDS. TIN OO REITERATED CONCEPT HE HAD OUTLINED TO AMBASSADOR

VANCE LAST MARCH, THAT GUB WOULD LIKE TO OUSE LIMITED-DURATION HERBICIDES (IF AVAILABLE) ON POPPY FIELDS, AND PROVIDE LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT FOR AFFECTED VILLAGERS UNTIL EFFECT OF HERBICIDES HAD WORN OFF.

4. IN SUPPORT OF GUB PREFERENCE FOR F-27 AIRCRAFT, TIN OO STRESSED FACT THAT F-27'S, ALREADY IN USE BY UBA OVER SHAN STATE AREA, WOULD BE LESS CONSPICUOUS THAN EITHER C-47 OR KING AIR. ALSO, F-27 LARGE ENOUGH TO CARRY COMMAND PERSONNEL INVOLVED. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THESE POINTS, I SAID THERE WERE IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS (INCLUDING COST) WEIGHING AGAINST F-27.

5. RE NIGHT VISION DEVICES, WHEN I SUGGESTED COST MIGHT BE A FACTOR, TIN OO SEEMED GENUINELY PUZZLED, INDICATING HE WAS THINKING ABOUT A DEVICE ABOUT THE SIZE OF--AND NOT MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE THAN--BINOCULARS. THIS POINT WILL PRESUMABLY BE CLEARED UP AT WORKING LEVEL.

6. ABOVE IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY, SUBJECT TO FURTHER AMPLIFICATION IN EXPERT-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS.
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